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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Today at Worship

Presider/Preacher: Pastor Ben Dueholm
Organist/Pianist: Hando Nahkur
Cantor: Brad Spellicy
Guitar: Soren Dueholm
Acolyte: Raegan Neuhoﬀ
Assisting Minister: Greg Smith
Communion Assistant: David Marshall

Crucifer: Michael Claussen
Altar Guild: Rachel Fraizer
Altar Flowers: Carlene Strobel, Kelli Chabria and Lisa Nelson
Ushers: Jeff & Connie Uhri, Russ Sharp and Murray Smith II
Audio Tech: Gary Haschke

The Altar flowers are given by the flower committee.

We are always excited to have children in worship! We welcome the sounds and sights of young people in our Sanctuary and want them to experience worship. If your young worshiper (or you) need a break from the Sanctuary, we oﬀer a tended nursery to the left and down the hall from the rear Sanctuary doors.

In Lutheran worship, we usually stand to pray and sing, and as a special sign of respect when we hear the words of the Gospel. We sit to listen to the announcements, the readings, and the sermon. If you ever prefer to sit while others are standing or to stand and stretch your legs while others are sitting, please feel free to do so! Sitting or standing is never required. Please let an usher know if you need to receive Holy Communion in your seat rather than coming to the front.

PRELUDE: “I Love to Tell the Story” - W.E. Fischer
Hando Nahkur

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN: #588 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Verses 1 and 4)

Please turn and face the Cross as it enters the sanctuary



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



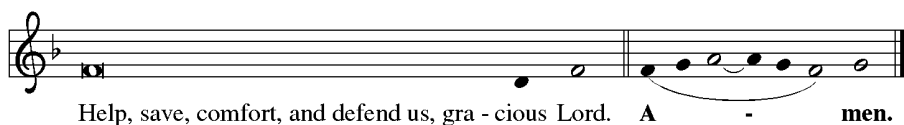
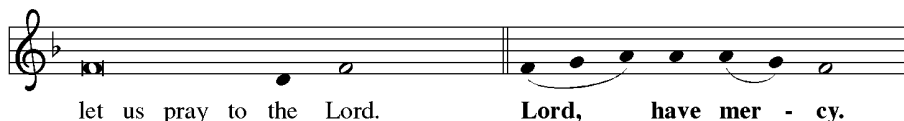
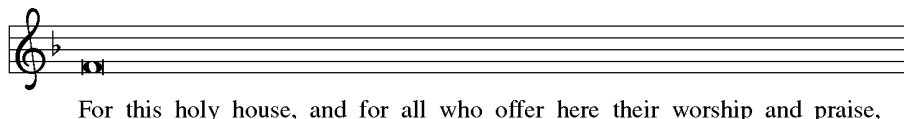
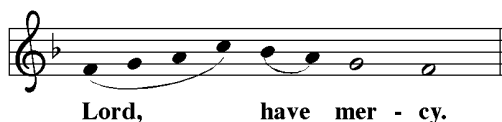
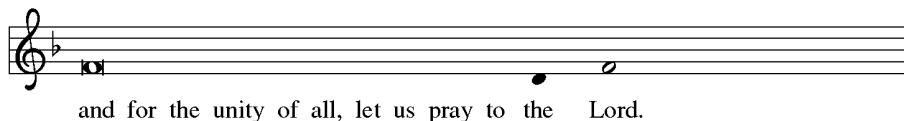
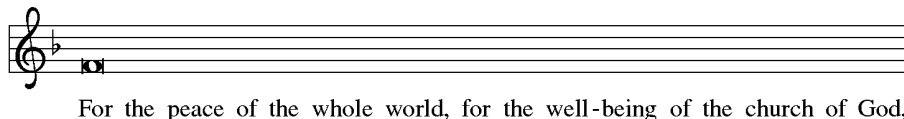
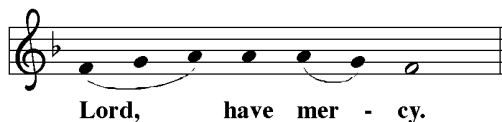
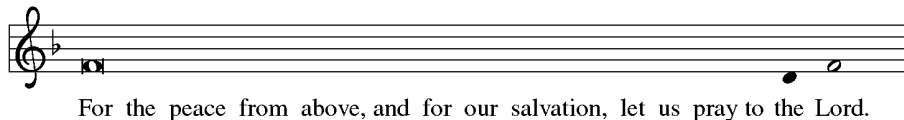
There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up-per home of bliss.
and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



READING: Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

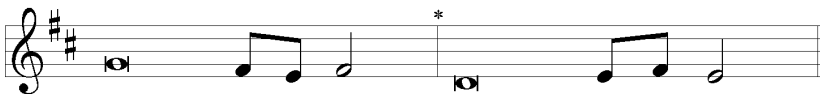
When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12 (The refrain is sung once by the cantor and repeated by all. The cantor sings the verses and the congregation joins in the refrain.)

**Psalm Tone 5**

For God alone I [|] wait in silence;
truly, my hope [|] is in God.
God alone is my rock and [|] my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- [|] er be shaken.

In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.
Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.

C: Refrain

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.
God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds.

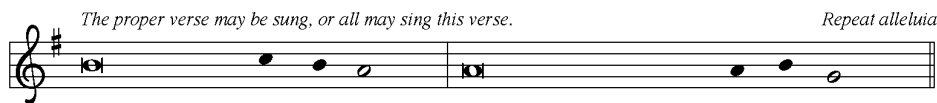
C: Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW 168)

Please stand

The Acclamation is sung by the cantor and repeated by all
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship)



The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God | has come near;
repent, and believe in | the good news.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for

people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat Acclamation

SERMON

Please be seated

After the sermon, silence for reflection is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #580 - “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Please stand



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Bridgette Ruth Cook

(ELW pg. 227) Bridgette is the child of Claire & Turner Cook. Her sponsors are Payton & Ally Cook.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. When the baptism is complete, the presiding minister will pray for and seal the newly baptized with oil. Each will receive a lighted candle, symbolizing the light of Christ in their lives.

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

When instructed, the congregation is invited to offer up their prayer petitions.

P: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Please be seated

Many of our members give electronically. Learn more at clcdallas.org

SPECIAL MUSIC: "O Magnum Mysterium" - M. Lauridsen
Brad Spellicy

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN: #583 - "Take My Life That I May Be"

Refrain/Estrillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*

y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 *Que* mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
2 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. (Silence) Giver of every gift, who makes Christ's body to be our food, and makes us to be Christ's body: Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

PREFACE - P:

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

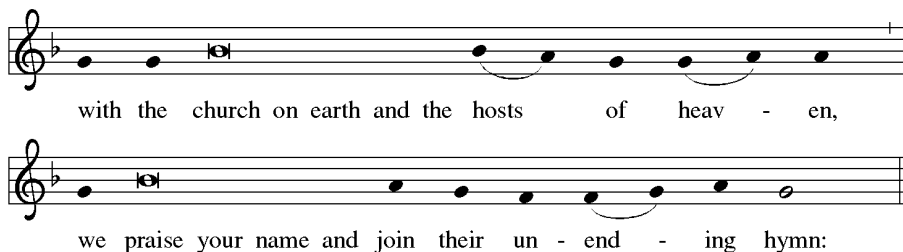
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,

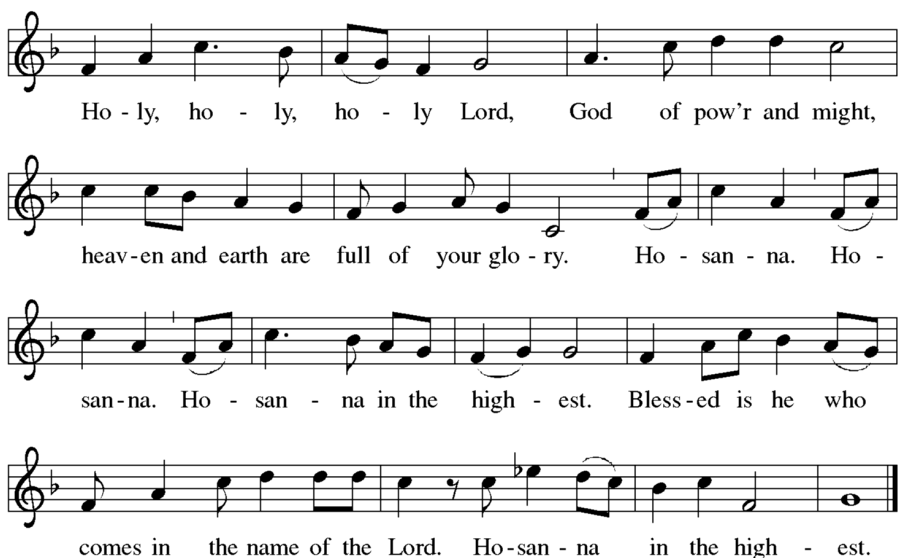
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

Detailed description: This block contains seven staves of musical notation in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign.



C:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please be seated

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer in your pew. Communion will be distributed continuously at the front of the center aisle. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice containing red wine or white grape juice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms before your chest. Remember that communion in one kind (only host or chalice) is a proper way to receive the Sacrament. You're invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail for prayer after you receive communion. There will be someone to pray with you if you wish. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as they can.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

A: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

C: you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood, Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

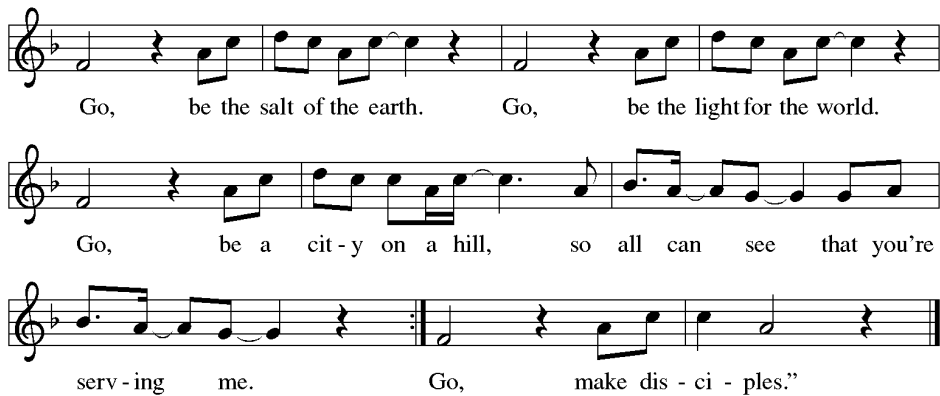
SENDING

BENEDICTION

The presider blesses the people

SENDING HYMN: #540 - "Go, Make Disciples"





Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit-y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv-ing me. Go, make dis-ci-ples."

DISMISSAL

A: We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "This Little Light of Mine" - African American Spiritual
Colleen Oates and Romali Fernando